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Hotels, Rooming and Apartment Houses, and Restaurants—Licensing, Inspection, and Regulation by the State Board of Health. (Chap. 227, Act Apr. 7, 1915.)

SECTION 1. *Hotel defined; license.*—That chapter 67, article 6, of the Revised Laws of Oklahoma, annotated, 1910, be amended to read as follows:

"That every building or other structure kept, used, maintained, advertised, or held out to the public to be a place where food is served and sleeping accommodations are offered for pay to transient guests, in which eight or more rooms are used for the accommodation for such transient guests, and having one or more dining rooms or cafés, where meals or lunches are served to such transient guests, such sleeping accommodations and dining rooms being conducted in the same building and under the same management, together with any buildings in connection therewith, shall, for the purposes of this act, be deemed a hotel; such only shall have the right to the use of the name 'hotel' in connection with their business, and upon the proper application the State board of health shall issue to such above-described business a license to conduct a hotel."

SEC. 2. *Rooming house defined; license.*—That every building or other structure kept, used, maintained, advertised, or held out to the public to be a place where sleeping accommodations are furnished for pay for transient or permanent guests, in which eight or more rooms are used for the accommodation of such guests, but which does not maintain dining rooms or cafés in the same building and under the same management, together with any buildings in connection therewith, shall, for the purposes of this act, be deemed a rooming house and shall not have the right to the use of the name "hotel" in connection with such business. Upon proper application, the State board of health shall issue to such described business a license to conduct a rooming house: *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent the use of any name the proprietor of such rooming house may desire to apply to his business which name does not include the word "hotel."

SEC. 3. *Apartment house defined; license.*—That every building or other structure kept, used, maintained, advertised, or held out to the public to be a place where accommodations for sleeping rooms, either single or in suites for light housekeeping, or both, but where no dining room or café is maintained in the same building or under the same management, and where two or more families or tenants aggregating 15 persons or more occupying said buildings, together with any buildings in connection therewith, shall, for the purposes of this act, be deemed to be an apartment house and shall not have the right to use the word "hotel" or "rooming house" in such business. Upon proper application, the State board of health shall issue to the above described business a license to conduct an apartment house: *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent the use of any name the proprietor of a licensed apartment house may desire to apply to his business, which name does not include the words "hotel" or "rooming house."

SEC. 4. *Restaurant defined; license.*—That every building or other structure kept, used, maintained, advertised, or held out to the public to be a place where meals or lunches are served without sleeping accommodations, together with all outbuildings in connection therewith, shall, for the purpose of this act, be defined a restaurant, and, upon proper application to the State board of health, shall issue to such above described business a license to conduct a restaurant: *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent the use of any name a proprietor of a licensed restaurant may desire to apply to his business, which name does not include the word "hotel," "rooming house," or "apartment house."

SEC. 5. *Term "proprietor."*—Whenever used in this act or any act amendatory thereof, the word "proprietor" of any hotel, rooming house, apartment house, or restaurant, it shall mean and include any owner, proprietor, lessee manager, receiver,

agent, or other person in charge of such hotel, rooming house, apartment house, or restaurant, within the meaning of this act.

SEC. 6. *License required.*—That on or before July 1, 1915, and on or before July 1 of each year thereafter, every person, firm, or corporation now engaged in the business of conducting a hotel, or restaurant, or both, or a rooming house or apartment house, and every person, firm, or corporation who shall hereafter engage in conducting such business, shall procure a license for each hotel, rooming house, apartment house, or restaurant so conducted or proposed to be conducted: *Provided*, That one license shall be sufficient for each combined hotel and restaurant, where both are conducted in the same building and under the same managements. Each license shall expire on the 30th day of June next following its issuance.

No hotel, rooming house, apartment house, or restaurant shall be maintained or conducted in this State after July 1, 1915, without a license therefor. No license shall be transferable except application be made therefor in writing to the State board of health.

SEC. 7. *Application blanks.*—The State board of health shall, upon request therefor, furnish to any person, firm, or corporation desiring to conduct a hotel, rooming house, apartment house, or restaurant, the necessary application blanks for a license which the applicant shall fill in, stating the full name and address of the owner and address of the agent or both, or lessee and manager of such hotel, rooming house, apartment house, together with a full description of the building and property to be used or proposed to be used for such business, and stating the location of same, which application upon its return to the State board of health shall be accompanied by a license fee, as provided by law.

SEC. 8. *Penalty.*—Every person, firm, or corporation who shall fail or refuse to comply with the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$50 for each and every day he shall fail or refuse to so comply.

SEC. 9. *Sanitation; fire escapes.*—Every hotel, rooming house, apartment house, or restaurant in this State shall be properly plumbed, lighted, and ventilated, and shall be conducted in every department with strict regard to health, comfort, and safety of the guests: *Provided*, That such proper lighting shall be construed to apply to both [sic] daylight illumination, and that such proper plumbing shall be construed to mean that all plumbing and drainage shall be constructed and plumbed according to approved sanitary principles and that such proper ventilation shall be construed to mean at least one door and one window in each sleeping room.

No room shall be used as a sleeping room which does not open to the outside of the building or upon light wells, air shafts, or courts, and all sleeping rooms shall have at least one window and one door.

In each sleeping room there must be at least one window with openings so arranged as to provide easy access to the outside of building, light wells, or courts.

SEC. 10. *Health and sanitation.*—In all cities, towns, and villages not having a system of waterworks every hotel, rooming house, apartment house, or restaurant shall have properly constructed privies or other vaults to receive the night soil, the same to be kept clean and well screened at all times and free from filth of every kind. Separate apartments shall be furnished for sexes, each being properly designated.

SEC. 11. *Wash room.*—Each hotel or restaurant in this State shall be provided with a main public wash room, convenient and of easy access to guests.

SEC. 12. *Examinations.*—For the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act the State board of health shall supervise the licensing, examination, and inspection of all hotels, rooming houses, apartment houses, or restaurants as provided herein.

SEC. 13. *Duty of inspector; records.*—It shall be the duty of said inspector, under the supervision and direction of the State board of health, to see that all provisions of

this act are complied with, and said inspectors shall personally inspect, once in 12 months, as herein provided, every hotel, rooming house, apartment house, and restaurant as defined in this act, but it shall be unlawful for such inspector to make known to the proprietor in charge of such hotel his intentions to make inspection at such time. Said inspectors are hereby granted police power to enter any hotel, rooming house, apartment house, or restaurant at any reasonable hour to determine whether or not the provisions of this act are being complied with. The State board of health shall keep a complete set of books for public use and inspection showing the condition of each hotel, rooming house, apartment house, and restaurant so inspected, together with the name of the proprietor, and showing its sanitary conditions and the number and condition of its fire escapes and any other information for the benefit of the public service. It shall be the duty of the State board of health to furnish any citizen of the State with such blanks as to facilitate the reports desired to be made by any such citizen relative to any hotel, rooming house, apartment house, or restaurant subject to the provisions of this act and to enable such citizen to give an abstract of evidence or names of witnesses which may be produced to sustain the charge of any violation of this act.

SEC. 14. *Certificate of inspection.*—If the State board of health shall find, after examination and report of the inspector of any hotel, rooming house, apartment house, or restaurant in such county that this law has been fully complied with and the license fee paid, said board of health shall issue certificate to that effect to the proprietor of such hotel, rooming house, apartment house, or restaurant, and said certificate shall be kept posted up in a conspicuous place in said building.

SEC. 15. *False certificate.*—Any inspector or member of the State board of health who shall willfully certify falsely regarding any building inspected by him or under them [sic] or who shall issue a certificate to any person operating a hotel, rooming house, apartment house, or restaurant when the person operating the same has not complied with the provisions of this act, he shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than \$50 nor more than \$500, or shall be confined in the State prison for a year and a day, and shall forever be disqualified from holding any public office in the State of Oklahoma.

SEC. 16. *Resisting officer; violations of act.*—Any proprietor of a hotel, rooming house, apartment house, or restaurant who shall obstruct or hinder any inspector in the proper discharge of his duties under this act, or who shall operate such hotel, rooming house, apartment house, or restaurant, or keep the same open for the public after an examination thereof as provided in this act, without paying the license fee and obtaining the certificate authorized to be issued by this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SEC. 17. *Complaint.*—It shall be the duty of the inspector, upon ascertaining by inspection or otherwise, that after this act takes effect any hotel, rooming house, apartment house, or restaurant is being carried on contrary to the provisions of this act, to make complaint and cause the arrest of the person so violating same.

SEC. 18. *Violations; misdemeanor.*—Any violation of this act (where not otherwise provided for, both as to grade and punishment) shall constitute a misdemeanor, and any person convicted shall be fined in a sum not less than \$10 nor more than \$100, or by punishment [sic] or imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 5 nor more than 60 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Advertisements—Untrue, Deceptive, or Misleading, Prohibited. (Chap. 61, Act Mar. 3, 1915.)

SECTION 1. *Misrepresenting wares; penalty.*—That any person, firm, corporation, or association who, with intent to sell or in anywise dispose of merchandise, securities, service, or anything offered by such person, firm, corporation, or association, directly or indirectly, to the public for sale or distribution, or with intent to increase the con-